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MAGNETO-RESISTANCE EFFECT TYPE COMPOSITE HEAD AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of March 19, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 22.

Amend claim 1 as follows:

--1. (amended) A magneto-resistance effect type composite head comprising:

a first magnetic shield and a second magnetic shield successively layered on a slider;

a reproduction head including a magneto-resistance effect element (hereinafter, referred to as an MR element)

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